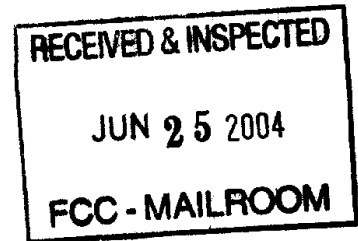
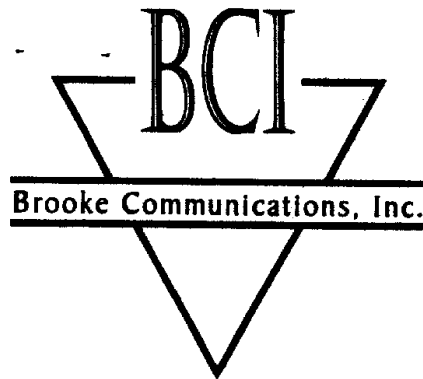


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June 17, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20445

Re: **MB Docket No. 04-160**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

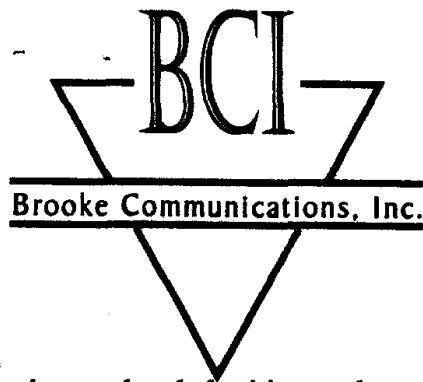
We are writing this letter in support of the National Association of Broadcasters' petition seeking a Declaratory Ruling on satellite radio's broadcasting of local weather and traffic reports.

We operate four commercial radio stations in rural southwest Oregon. Our existence depends on our ability to serve our local market and to provide our local citizens, who are our friends and neighbors, with local and pertinent information that effect their day-to-day lives. We pride ourselves on our ability to give back to the local community. We spend a very large portion of our budget and a very large portion of our time giving back to the community every day. Localism is what terrestrial radio is all about. It is the only thing that we have that sets us apart from competing forms of media. We cherish this and we work very hard at it.

Satellite radio is a huge threat to our very existence. We were sorry to see it approved in the first place and we are even more worried now that XM and Sirius are starting to broadcast local weather and traffic reports in certain markets. Our understanding from the beginning of satellite radio was that it was supposed to be a national subscription service only that would bring more alternative services to the public that small broadcasters could not afford to provide. With that in mind, we did not worry that it would threaten or harm our ability to provide what we do best – local programming and service to the local community.

Obviously we were wrong. Now that the satellite services have broken their promise, it is apparent that the FCC must step in to clarify their mission. Local broadcasting should remain with local broadcasters. We are the ones who employ local people, pay local

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property taxes, make contributions to local charities, and serve on local boards and commissions. We are given this mission by the FCC and we take it very seriously.

It is incumbent upon the FCC to protect local broadcasting and to take action to safeguard the service that we provide. To do otherwise threatens our very existence.

We ask that you please help us preserve our ability to serve our local community and clarify that XM and Sirius should do what they were intended to do – provide a national service only.

Yours very truly,



Patrick A. Markham
President